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Subject: Thanks for protecting Bristol Bay, EPA!

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Ms. Regina McCarthy
William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building, Room 3000
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460-0001

Dear Ms. McCarthy,

Thank you for taking action to protect the extraordinary wild salmon fishery of Bristol Bay from Pebble Mine.

I believe that wild salmon are more precious than gold. I proudly support the hard work of the EPA, as well as the Alaska Natives, fishermen, businesses, and allies fighting to save Bristol Bay salmon. Over the past two years, you have received over 60,000 letters from national park champions and members of the National Parks Conservation Association. We are some of the vast numbers of people who are concerned that building Pebble Mine poses serious, unavoidable risks to the clean water and wild salmon that Bristol Bay's families, jobs, ecosystem, and Alaska Native cultures depend upon.

The science is clear: Pebble Mine is a real threat. But I also worry that it would be a catalyst for a sprawling, industrial mining district. Thank you, EPA, for analyzing how Pebble's massive mining operations could increase the likelihood that even more mines and widespread impacts would emerge nearby, including mine sites directly upstream of Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

In Alaska's Bristol Bay, tribal, state, and federal leaders have long agreed that the area's #1 priority is protecting the fishery. Lake Clark and Katmai National Parks and Preserves were created to protect portions of the region's salmon habitat and traditional cultures so closely tied to the fish. But our national parks alone can't protect Bristol Bay from the boom and bust threats of the Pebble mining district.

Thank you, EPA, for leading the way to protect Bristol Bay.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sandra Perkins

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